

**MINUTES
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
QUARTERLY MEETING
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2006
9:30 A.M.**

Board Members Present: Bernie Heier, Chair
Bob Workman, Vice Chair
Ray Stevens
Deb Schorr

Board Members Absent: Larry Hudkins

Others Present: Mike Thurber, Corrections Director
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of the Board of Corrections Meeting minutes dated February 23, 2006. Stevens, Heier, Workman and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

2 POPULATION STATISTICS

A. Population Comments

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, said the average daily population has increased 4%, with a 14% increase at the Lancaster Correctional Facility (LCF). Stacked bunks were moved from the Intake & Detention Facility (IDF) to LCF to accommodate the increased population and day rooms in the newer part of the facility are being used as sleeping areas. The average daily population at IDF has stayed at the same population as in 2005 with the Platte County contract. Bookings and total lodgings have also increased this quarter, 8% and 7% respectively.

B. Population Graphs

See agenda packet.

C. Monthly Statistical Report

See agenda packet.

3 DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Platte County Housing

Thurber said Lancaster County continues to maintain an average daily population of 34 inmates at the Platte County Detention Facility. The cost averages \$47,000 per month (daily rate of \$45). Approximately 50 inmates have been transferred between the two facilities this quarter, with the majority of the transports related to court appearances.

B. Mental Health Jail Diversion Program

Thurber said the Mental Health Jail Diversion Project is down in numbers and currently totals 17. Jail Diversion has applied for another grant that would supplement their program beyond the current grant funding and has approached the County Board about funding issues for continuation of the program.

C. In-House/Road Crew Projects

- ▶ An inmate crew distributed supplies for the primary election on May 9th
- ▶ Lancaster Correctional Facility (LCF) staff began utilizing the Guard 1 Rounds Tracker in January (developed for correctional use to view large amounts of data associated with cell checks)
- ▶ Windows in three of the LCF dormitories were replaced this quarter and walls were repaired and repainted
- ▶ An inmate drug testing program was initiated in February at LCF
- ▶ The maintenance crew and inmate workers assisted with office moves at Trabert Hall and Health Department
- ▶ The Intake & Detention Facility (IDF) accomplished a complete update and reorganization of its post order manual
- ▶ Three Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) were put into service in February, two at IDF and one at LCF
- ▶ Maintenance has replaced two air handling units and repaired kitchen refrigeration units and booster pumps for the water supply at the IDF building

D. New Business

Thurber said Kent Griffith, LCF Administrator, is working with the Nebraska Jail Standards on development of Work/Community Release Standards.

Thurber said Maintenance staff are in the process of replacing two of the four washer/dryer sets at IDF.

E. Pre-Architectural Plan Comments

JoAnne Kissel, The Clark Enersen Partners, appeared and discussed the format of planning for the Lancaster County Corrections Department expansion. She noted that tours of other facilities are planned.

In response to a question from Workman, Thurber said auxiliary functions within the facility have not been discussed.

Stevens asked whether the need for another courtroom in the Jail will be studied.

Thurber said video arraignments might be a better solution.

4 ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Bruce Medcalf
Lancaster County Clerk